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MAN GUILTY OF IDENTITY THEFT, GUN, AND BANK FRAUD CRIMES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE — United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Mason Police Chief Barry Hutchins announced that **JAMISON MIMS**, 30, formerly of 334 Fitchburg Road, Mason, New Hampshire, pleaded guilty this morning to a seven-count indictment charging Mims with unlawful possession of a rifle and ammunition, misuse of two different social security numbers, and identity theft related credit card and bank fraud.

On November 20, 2004, the Mason Police responded to an emergency call at Mims' residence to aid a person in distress. While at the residence, the police found a .22 caliber rifle as well as numerous .22 and .38 caliber cartridges and 12 gauge shotgun shells, in Mims room at the residence. Mims, a convicted felon, could not legally possess any firearm or ammunition.

Police also found and seized birth certificates and credit cards in other people's names. Mims admitted that he misrepresented two different people's social security numbers as his own, and used them to fraudulently obtain credit cards and cash from banks, causing an admitted amount of economic loss of approximately \$18,397.04. Finally, Mims agreed to forfeit \$22,000.00 in cash, all in \$100.00 bills, seized from Mims' room by the police, to be used as restitution of the economic losses suffered by his victims, and to pay fines.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono commended the Mason Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Office of Inspector General of the Social Security Administration, stating: "The vigilance of the Mason Police Department, which first began the investigation of this case, followed by the joint efforts and outstanding cooperation with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Office of Inspector General of the Social Security Administration required to unravel the facts of this case, stands as a fine example of law enforcement work and professionalism at its best."

Mims faces a possible maximum prison term of thirty years and a maximum fine of \$1,000,000. Mims' sentencing hearing was set by U.S. .District Court Judge Paul Barbadoro for 9:30 A.M. on July 26th, 2006. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alfred Rubega